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BY HAND AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. No. 01-31

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On behalf of AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. ("AT&T"), I have enclosed the Testimony of John Mayo, Anthony Fea, and Deborah S. Waldbaum. The testimony of Anthony Fea contains proprietary information and the proprietary version of his testimony will be filed under separate cover.

In so far as Verizon's rebuttal testimony purports to present new, additional or modified evidence of competition in response to criticism that AT&T has made regarding Verizon's "evidence" filed in its direct case, AT&T reserves the right to respond in any appropriate way. Otherwise, the Department would be left with untested assertions of the party with the most to gain (or lose) in this proceeding.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by date stamping a copy of this letter and returning it to the waiting messenger.

Very truly yours,

Jay E. Gruber

Enclosures

cc: Service List (attached)